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Serial No.: 09/908,993

Examiner : Ivars C. CINTINS

Confirmation No.: 6849

Filed: July 19, 2001

Art Unit: 1724

For: WATER SOFTENING DEVICE

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified  
application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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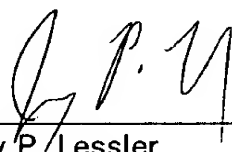
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 1, 2003

  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 31, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

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